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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission **Exemption File 82-5204**

Division of Corporate Finance Room 3094 (3-6) 450 5th Street Northwest Washington DC 20549 USA

Exemption File 82-5204

Dear Sirs,

New GKN PLC Shipper GKN plc - Notification of major interests in shares

For your information I enclose a copy of the above announcement which was sent to the London Stock Exchange today.

Yours faithfully,

David Pavey

Assistant Company Secretary

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COMPLIANCE/SEC/COR/notification of press release

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1.	Name of company 2		Name of shareholder having a major interest		
	KN PLC		FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC		
3.	Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN 2		Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them Bank of New York -68,500 Chase Nominees Limited - 15,948,876 Citibank - 153,483 Clydesdale Bank plc - 2,533,630 Mellon Bank - 83,045 Northern Trust Company - 328,909 Royal Trust Corp of Canada - 287,076 State Street Nominees Limited - 2,427,920		
5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 6. Percentage of issued class	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed NOT KNOWN	8. Percentage of issued class NOT KNOWN	
9.	Class of security	10.	Date of transaction	11. Date company informed	
	ORDINARY SHARES OF 50P EACH		NOT KNOWN	20 NOVEMBER 2003	
12.	Total holding following this notification		13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification		
	21,831,439		2.98%		
14.	Any additional information LETTER RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY ON 20 NOVEMBER 2003 INFORMING THAT FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC AND ITS AFFILIATES HOLD LESS THAN 3% OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL OF GKN PLC		15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries		
			PHIL HIGGINS – 01527 533 235		
16.	16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification PHIL HIGGINS				
Date of notification 21 NOVEMBER 2003					